Ragains, Gail Resume

From Abstract to Expressionistic, I like to push the envelope with bold brushstrokes and compelling colors. I am a physical and expressive painter. Whether I'm painting the figure, landscape or a still-life, I look for the abstract shapes to give a loose interpretation of form and movement.

My art education as well as my outlook on life is basically a self-directed program. I began my artistic path in 1993 with a beginning drawing class at the Palo Alto Art Center, and from there I enrolled in art classes whenever and wherever I could, mainly at the Community Colleges, Pacific Art League, Palo Alto Art Center, and workshops with various artists. Lately it's been the time I spend standing at my easel that I learn the most. For me, painting isn't about a planned method for a predictable outcome. It's the discoveries and the risk taking where I find the most fulfillment.

Solo Exhibitions

Little House Community Center Menlo Park, CA solo show of recent oil paintings April 15 – June 1, 2008

Fremont Hills Country Club solo show of Abstracts, Figures, and Landscapes March 1-May 1 2008 Los Altos Hill, CA

San Mateo City Hall solo show of Abstracts and Figures, Dec. 3, -Jan 3 2008

Office of Dr. Mary Lynn Moran Woodside, CA May 2007 (solo show of Woodside landscapes)

Palace Café Restaurant, Cupertino, Ca. November 2006 (solo show of still lifes, and landscapes)

Silicon Valley Open Studio 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009

Office of Dr. MaryLynn Moran, Woodside, CA. July -Sept. 2002 Solo Show of California Landscape Paintings

Tied House Restaurant , San Jose, Ca. Oct.-Dec. 2001 Solo Show of California Landscape Paintings

Juried Group Shows

San Francisco Art Span Oct. 2009

San Jose Fundraiser for Silicon Valley Visual Arts

April 25, 2009

"Bay Area Annual" Juried show

Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA

Oct. 24, 2008-Nov. 22, 2008

Pacific Art League Portfolio show

Dec. 1, 2008- Jan 1 2009

Redwood City Main Library Oct. 2005 (juried group show)

"Faces and Figures" Pacific Art League, Palo Alto, Ca. August 2005 (juried group show) 2nd place

"Summer Fun" Pacific Art League, Palo Alto, Ca. July 2004 (juried group show) 2nd place

Pitchetti Winery Art Show, Saratoga, Ca. July 2001 (juried, group show) Runnymeade Wine Auction & Art Show, Woodside, Ca. May 2001 (juried, group show) Mountain View City Hall Dec. 2000 Page Mill Winery Art Show, Palo Alto, Ca. July 2000 (juried, group show)

I have done several commissioned works, and my paintings are in numerous private collections.